



Great Falls Discovery Center

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

APRIL 2022 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 5 days a week:

- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Delayed Opening Sunday, April 17, 12:00 p.m.
- Open Patriots' Day, Monday, April 18

Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls. Come explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed in our dynamic exhibit hall. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, re-

Ongoing

STORY WALK® Series*

Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the grounds of the center for a FREE series of self-guided StoryWalks® featuring children's picture books. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route. Wonderful stories await!

April 14 through April 27

One Earth by Eileen Spinelli, for ages 4-8, and anyone who cares for where we live.

April 29 through May 18

We Planted a Tree by Diane Muldrow, for ages 3-7 and everyone who celebrates trees. Happy Arbor Day, Friday, April 29th!

Ongoing APRIL 2 — APRIL 29

GREAT HALL ART EXHIBIT: WATERSHED MOMENTS

Joanne Belair's work focuses on our local watershed near the Center. Paintings include studies of the Connecticut River and tributaries as well as sights along the river walkways.

Saturday, April 2

GREAT HALL ART RECEPTION: WATERSHED MOMENTS

1:00—3:00 p.m. Great Hall

Come meet the artist Joanne Belair and enjoy light refreshments. Her paintings are local watershed snapshots of scenes along the Connecticut river.

Fridays, April 8, 15, 22, 29

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

4/8: Beavers; 4/22: Skunks; 4/29: Who Lives In a Tree? 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall Courtyard and Great Hall

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River-Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Activities will be both indoors and outdoors. Siblings and friends welcome.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
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April 16—24

EARTH WEEK INVESTIGATION STATION

Join us at the welcome desk during school vacation week in activities to inspire taking care of where we live. Activities include a “What’s wrong in the Watershed?” scavenger hunt, a spring outdoor bingo game, an outdoor StoryWalk® — *One Earth* by Eileen Spinelli, and a Habitat Habits memory game.

Thursday,
April 21

THE ART OF BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

7:00—8:00 p.m., Great Hall

Peter Christoph shares his epic birding adventures in a presentation that is both entertaining and informative. Filled with lively anecdotes he explains the techniques he uses to capture his intimate portraits of birds in their natural habitat. This presentation covers essential gear for photographing birds and discusses important settings and features of your camera which are useful for wildlife photography. Peter will take you beyond simply enhancing your bird photography skills and share with you his own approach to the art of bird photography in terms of lighting, composition, action, environment and background, that make outstanding images which tell a story.

Saturday,
April 23

PARK SERVE DAY: GIVE A DAY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., front entrance

The Department of Conservation and Recreation invites you to the Great Falls Discovery Center to lend a hand during this day of volunteer service to our state parks. To discuss any special accommodations or needs you may have for the day, please call (413) 863-3221. Please bring your own water. Registration information coming soon. Call for details.

Thursday,
April 28

INVASIVE PLANTS: ASKED AND ANSWERED!

7:00—8:00 p.m., Great Hall

Will Pfadenhauer is a PhD student at UMass Amherst, where he studies global patterns in invasive plant species. Join him on April 28th as he answers your most pressing questions about invasive plants by drawing on recent research and using local examples of invasive plant problems/solutions. He encourages all participants to submit questions in advance via Twitter by tagging him (@PfactPfinder) or using the hashtag #InvasivePlantsAA. Alternatively, questions can be emailed di-

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